

**REMARKS**

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the amendment or the above-identified application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned so as to expedite prosecution.

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**Marked-up Claims 3-5, 10 and 11**

3. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 [or 2] which includes a pressure relief valve which is connected to the suction tube between the foam pad and the canister.

4. (Amended) A modification of the apparatus as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 which includes a first transducer for measuring pressure in a tube linking the canister to the wall suction point or to a vacuum bottle, and a second transducer for measuring pressure at the wound site.

5. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 which includes flow rate measuring means for measuring the rate at which fluid is sucked from the wound site.

10. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 8 [or 9] which further includes means for monitoring pressure at the wound site.

11. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of claims 8 to 10] claim 1 which further includes means for regulating pressure between the canister and the suction source.

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